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Forest Research Institute at Dehra Dun and at the Research Station at Bangalore. The Madras Government are also taking up research work at the Research Centre at Denkanikotta in the Salem District, under the supervision of the State Silviculturist.

429 Q.—MR. SPEAKER : This question is postponed to tomorrow, viz., 20th July 1962.

மாவட்ட மருத்துவ அதிகாரிகள்

* 430 கேள்வி.—திரு. ஆ. கு. சுப்பையா (திரு. ஆ. பெ. தர்ம விங்கம் சார்பாக) : கனம் சுகாதார அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க் கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) திருச்சிராப்பள்ளி பெரிய மருத்துவ மனையில் அதைப்பில் உயர்ந்த பட்டம் பெருதவர்களை டி. எம். ஓக்களாக நியமிப்பதேன்?

(ஆ) இனியாகிலும், எம். டி., எம். எஸ்., போன்ற உயர் படிப்புப் பெற்ற டாக்டர்களை நியமிக்க உத்தேசமுண்டா?

(இ) அப்படியானால், எப்போது?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (அ) to (இ).—Post-graduate qualifications of M.D., M.S., etc., have not been prescribed in the rules for appointment as Civil Surgeons and District Medical Officers. Only senior and experienced medical officers are posted as District Medical Officers. The minimum qualification for the post is M.B.B.S., and it is not considered necessary to insist on the possession of post-graduate qualifications for appointment to the posts.

Panchayat elections

* 431 Q.—SRI SAW GANESAN (on behalf of Sri V. Krishna-moorthy) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the date of next panchayat elections?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There are about 12,500 panchayats. Of these, the term of office of about 4,300 panchayats constituted under the old Madras Local Boards Act, 1920 expires on varying dates commencing from 3rd April 1963; while the term of office of about 3,900 panchayats constituted under the Madras Village Panchayats Act, 1950 upto 1st January 1958 expires on varying dates commencing from 2nd May 1963 and the term of office of about 4,300 panchayats constituted after 1st January 1958 expires on varying dates commencing from 1st January 1963.

The question of fixing the dates for next ordinary elections to all the panchayats is under the consideration of the Government.

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : What is the policy of Government? Do they want to have those elections to panchayats at one stage or do they want to have it at different stages?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Government have not yet taken a decision about this matter.